

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 8, line 5, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 1 shows the nucleotide sequences of the B5R genes of an LC16mO strain (SEQ ID NO: 1), an LC16m8 strain, and the revertants of an LC16m8 strain. --

On page 8, line 7, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 2 shows the amino acid sequences of the B5R gene products of the LC16mO strain (SEQ ID NO: 2), the LC16m8 strain, and the revertants of the LC16m8 strain. --

AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE LISTING

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Please replace the Sequence Listing of record with the Substitute Sequence Listing enclosed herewith.